

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

June 26, 2016



Our Adoration Chapel - A Prayerful Place of Spiritual Peace and Refreshment

For the past 22 years, countless men, women and children from our Parish and beyond have made their way to our Saint Mary Parish Adoration Chapel. There they have found great nourishment and strength praying in the presence of the Eucharist - the Blessed Sacrament.

What is Eucharistic Adoration?

When we pray in adoration, we humbly acknowledge that we are creatures of Almighty God, recognizing God's power and presence in our lives. In Eucharistic Adoration we adore Jesus Christ, the Son of God, who suffered and died for us and is present in the fullest possible way in the Holy Eucharist. A Host that was consecrated at Mass is displayed in a special holder called a monstrance which sits on the Chapel's altar. Throughout the day and night, people come to adore, kneeling or sitting in the Chapel. Adoration can of course take many forms – praying the rosary or other favorite prayers, reading the Word of God or a book on a spiritual topic or just sitting quietly and listening to the Lord speak to our hearts.

Why Eucharist Adoration?

Why spend time in our Adoration Chapel? Because it is a place where you can be with the Lord in prayer without distractions. We lead busy lives, and carving private prayer time out of our hectic days and /or finding a quiet place for prayer can be a challenge. Our Adoration Chapel has been and is such a place for many and can be that kind of place for you. Remember the words of Our Lord in the Gospel: "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened. Come to me and I will refresh you." Our Adoration Chapel could become your place of spiritual peace and refreshment.

What is the next step?

You may sign up to be an "*adorer*" which allows you to schedule yourself for one or more hours per week. Or you may sign up to be a substitute adorer. Each week in our Parish Bulletin, you can easily find out which hours in our 24/7 Adoration Chapel need adorers. We invite you to visit our Chapel if you have not already done so and consider becoming a scheduled adorer or a substitute. **Substitute summer adorers are desperately needed, especially Sunday - 2:00, 3:00, 4:00 am, Monday - 1:00 am, 2:00 pm, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday - 1:00 am and Friday – 1:00 pm..** For more information please call Bill or Monica Brown at 1-914-533-2832.

God bless.

Msgr. Larry Bronkiewicz
Pastor



MASS READINGS & INTENTIONS

MONDAY, June 27

Am 2:6-10, 13-16/Mt 8:18-22

7:00 AM Mary Fahey

12:00 PM Vivienne Dalton

TUESDAY, June 28

Am 3:1-8; 4:11-12/Mt 8:23-27

7:00 AM Drew Dillon

12:00 PM Janine Fau

WEDNESDAY, June 29

Acts 12:1-11/2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18/Mt 16:13-19

7:00 AM Angelina Navarra

12:00 PM Noreen Papa-3rd Anniversary

THURSDAY, June 30

Am 7:10-17/Mt 9:1-8

7:00 AM Marion Soltis

12:00 PM Joseph Fenton

FRIDAY, July 1

Am 8:4-6, 9-12/Mt 9:9-13

7:00 AM Loretta Pasquale

12:00 PM Marie Leno Gilmore

SATURDAY, July 2

Am 9:11-15/Mt 9:14-17

8:00 AM Kathleen Howard

4:30 PM Elizabeth Hance

SUNDAY, July 3

Is 66:10-14c/Gal 6:14-18/Lk 10:1-12, 17-20 or 10:1-9

CHURCH

7:30 AM Deceased Members of the Bruciati Family

9:15 AM Anthony Falotico (Father of Vincent Falotico)

11:15 AM Evo Falcinelli

HALL

10:30 AM Michael J. Kearney

12:00 PM Anthony Falotico (Father of Vincent Falotico)

5:00 PM Doris L. Murtaugh

Please remember our sick in your prayers;

especially Theresa Avento, Mary Jo Calamai, and Rita Comas. (For the sake

of privacy, only immediate family members may add someone to our prayer list.

Individuals will be removed monthly unless we are otherwise notified.)



Wedding Banns

III. Theodore Alphonse Antonitis-Jessica Lynn Juliano



GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING

WEEKLY YEAR-TO-DATE

June 19, 2016	\$22,476	\$603,635
June 21, 2015	\$20,461	\$582,329

Hospitality

June 2016	\$5,832
June 2015	\$4,996

FROM THE PASTOR: "How do you express your love for God? Some of the ways of expressing love are by giving and by serving joyfully!"



2016 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

PARISH GOAL	\$305,000
RAISED TO DATE	\$447,539
% OF GOAL	146.73%

PILGRIM VIRGIN

Summer vacation is here! Why not take the opportunity to spend some family time in prayer. Teach our children the Rosary and pray together as our Lady of Fatima has requested for world peace and the conversion of sinners. To arrange for a visit call Elma Stoveken at 203-894-1341.



Candle Intentions

A Church Altar Candle is Burning in Loving Memory of

Frank Serfilippi

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James & Helene Cally



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



Registrations for Grades 1-9 for the 2016/17 year will be mailed this week.

Students NEW to our Religious Education Program: Parents please stop in our Religious Education Office to fill out a record card, so that we may put your child in the computer system. If your child was baptized out of parish, please bring a baptismal certificate to copy!

Catechists and volunteers needed for September! If you are interested in finding out more about possibly teaching religious education or volunteering, please contact the Religious Education Office.

All volunteers need to have a current background check, attend VIRTUS training, and read/sign off the Diocese Safe Environment Handbook 2016.

RESPECT LIFE COMMITTEE

“Every child who, rather than being born, is condemned unjustly to being aborted, bears the face of Jesus Christ, bears the face of the Lord, who even before he was born, and then just after birth, experienced the world’s rejection. And every elderly person...even if he is ill or at the end of his days, bears the face of Christ. They cannot be discarded, as the ‘culture of waste’ suggests!” – Pope Francis
For more information go to <http://www.stmarysridgefield.org/respect-life>



Defending Our Religious Liberty



In Catholic teaching, the Second Vatican Council “declare[d] that the human person has a right to religious freedom. This freedom means that all men are to be immune from coercion on the part of individuals or of social groups and of any human power, in such wise that no one is to be forced to act in a manner contrary to his own beliefs, whether privately or publicly, whether alone or in association with others, within due limits.” (*Dignitatis Humanae*, No. 2.)

If you haven’t done so already, please voice your opposition to the federal health care mandate by calling U.S. Secretary of Health and Human Services Sylvia Mathews Burwell at 202-205-5445, and your elected state representatives. Let them know that the mandate is in violation of our First Amendment right to religious freedom.



Saint Mary School
RIDGEFIELD

Catholic Math League

Catholic Math League is a national math competition that was started in 1997 and currently serves hundreds of Catholic schools throughout the country. Students compete according to their math level in four 30 minute contests over the course of the year. SMS competed in two categories, Pre-Algebra and Algebra I. Scores were entered and cumulative standings were calculated for the three highest scores in each math area. SMS scored in the top 10% of Pre-Algebra and top 4% of Algebra in the nation.

Our Pre-Algebra students with top scores were Ryan Donovan and Aidan Slovinski both receiving First Place, and Jonathon Dowding in Third Place. Our Algebra I students placing were Reggie Stuhr in First place, Charlie Stuhr in Second and Andrew Edwardson in Third. Congratulations to all students who competed throughout the 2015-2016 school year!

Saint Mary School is currently enrolling students in select grades from Preschool – Grade 8 for the 2016-2017 school year. For more information about SMS, or to set up a tour, please contact Anna O’Rourke at 203-438-7288 or visit www.smsridgefield.org.

Midnight Run Backpack Project



Attention all students needing service hours or a project to do. The Midnight Run is always in need of backpacks. Collect used ones from your friends and classmates for donation. If interested contact Elma Stoveken at 203-894-1341 or lstoveken@comcast.net

FAITH FORMATION CORNER

Love is shown by little things, by attention to small daily signs which make us feel at home. Faith grows when it is lived and shaped by love. That is why our families, our homes, are true domestic churches. –Pope Francis



CATHOLIC ACTION

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: Congregate Housing On-going

Congregate Housing, Prospect Ridge is looking for:

A. BINGO CALLERS: 1 volunteer needed. Wednesdays 1-2:30. Commitment - 1x/month appx

B. LUNCH SERVING: 3 or 4 volunteers needed. Weekdays 11:45-1:00 pm. Commitment - 2x/month appx.

Contact Suzanne MacAvoy with questions and/or to volunteer. sdmacavoy@hotmail.com or 203 438-7056

DONATE: Food Pantries On-going

During the month of June all food collected will go to **The Ridgefield Food Pantry**. The following are some suggested food items: Canned fruit, hearty soups (like Progresso), cereal, coffee, rice mixes (like Rice a Roni) canned tuna or Salmon, canned meats (chicken or spam), jelly but not grape. Please no green beans or pasta at this time.

BIRTHRIGHT THANK YOU!!!

The Respect Life Ministry would like to thank our wonderful parishioners for their generosity during the recent Baby Bottle Drive. So far, we have raised **over \$5,000.00** for Birthright of Greater Danbury. Your kindness is deeply appreciated.

DIVORCE & SEPARATION SUPPORT GROUP

If you are divorced, in the process of divorcing, or separated, come join our friendly, safe, confidential and uplifting support group that focuses on spiritual and emotional healing. While this group is Catholic in practice and nature, **all faiths are welcome**. The group will meet every second and fourth Sunday of each month, 7:30 PM - 9:00 PM in the St. Mary Parish Barn (beige building next to the church). For more information contact Jim Orkin, 914-420-7564, jamesorkin@gmail.com.



~Fall Fair Bulletin Board~

MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR THE ST. MARY PARISH FAIR SEPTEMBER 10th 10:00 am – 4:00 pm

- **VOLUNTEER** sign ups still going on! See flyer in bulletin or pick one up in our Parish Office.
- **Cake Walk Baked Goods Donations Needed** Calling all bakers in the parish to bake your prize cake, pie, cookies, brownies or sweets for the annual **Fall Fair Cake Walk!** Bake any item and drop it off the weekend of the fair...every game played wins a different delicious baked treat! Please email Jillian Savoca at jesavoca@gmail.com or Danielle Trant at danielletrant1@gmail.com with your name and item you think you will make and we will confirm back and provide final details the week prior to the fair. Thank you!

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

O means permanent or substitute adorer **urgently** needed. **X** means **1 additional** adorer is needed. **Blank boxes** mean **there are 2** or more adorers.

	Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
12M-1am	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
1am-2am	X	O	O	O	O	X	X
2am-3am	O	X	X	X	X	X	X
3am-4am	O	X	X	X	X	X	X
4am-5am	O	X	X	X	X	X	X
5am-6am	X	X			X		X
6am-7am	X		X	X	X		X
7am-8am	X		X	X	X	X	X
8am-9am				X			X
9am-10am	X	X		X	X	X	X
10am-11am	X			X		X	X
11am-12N	X						X
12N-1pm	X				X	X	X
1pm-2pm	X	X	X	X	X	O	X
2pm-3pm	X	O	X	X		X	X
3pm-4pm		X	X	X	X	X	X
4pm-5pm	X	O	X	X	X	X	X
5pm-6pm	X		X	X	X		O
6pm-7pm	X			X	X	X	X
7pm-8pm	X						X
8pm-9pm						X	X
9pm-10pm	X	X			X	X	X
10pm-11pm			X	X		X	X
11pm-12M	X				X	X	X

With summer comes vacation time. Vacation is a time of rest & relaxation, away from the stresses & challenges of daily life. Prayer is a wonderful way to rest in the Lord. Please come to our Chapel, pray & sign up for one of our needed hours with an O by calling Bill or Monica @ 914-533-2832. God bless you.

EVERY Thursday evening, 7-9:00 pm, in our Adoration Chapel, the Chaplet of Mercy, 7 Sorrows of Our Blessed Mother and 15 decades of the Rosary are sung and prayed. Please join us!



ST. MARY PARISH MEN'S MINISTRY

To paraphrase Paul, one of our founders: *We come to MM to be fed in our faith. We come to build fellowship. We strive to be better fathers, friends and coworkers. We have each other's back in good times and in bad; and we always leave our egos at the door. Come any Saturday at 6:30 am in the Hall and check it out for yourself. See Stmmm.org for more info.*

MARQUETTE COUNCIL OF THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



Don't you want to be the best role model for your child? The easiest way is to share the faith with your children by spending time with them and "walking the talk." Connect the words to action! Join the Knights of Columbus for the opportunity to serve our church and community together WITH your children. We are looking for Dads and their kids to help us throughout the year. Contact John McNicholas at jmpmcnich@yahoo.com or visit www.kofc245.org for more info.